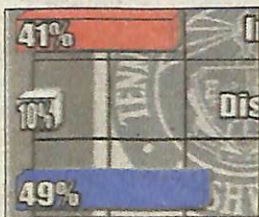




Read about the benefits of becoming SGA president.

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See how TSU students rated this year's SGA president.

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SEC Special Edition

Survivor



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The Miss TSU pageant, which occurred last night, on Wednesday, April 5 in Kean Hall, featured eight candidates competing in categories such as personality, talent, and question and answer. See all the Miss TSU candidates on page 7.

SEC: Go vote

By Eddie R. Cole Jr. and
Melaney Whiting
Editor in Chief and
Assistant A&E Editor

As the polls for student elections open this week, more student body participation is desired by Student Election Commission officials.

SEC Chairperson Tamara D. French said student voting is almost the direct link between current issues affecting students and the solutions to these dilemmas.

But students need to vote to make that happen.

"I think it's important for students to

vote because they always have gripes and complaints about issues with the school, however many do not take actions in voting for their student leaders when they should," said French, who expects about 500 to 600 students to vote, in an e-mail to *The Meter*. "Also, more students need to come forward and take the step to lead in their class office positions and student government."

And this lack of student participation has already affected some of the week's festivities.

French, said preparation for SEC week usually begins in September, said the annual rally on Tuesday, April 4, was expected to be larger.

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Candidates pay cost to be the boss

By Gregory Brand Jr.
Senior Editor

For students aiming to make a difference in the TSU community, one possible action is to run for one of the many Student Government Association positions offered every spring.

These positions, which range from class representative to the highly coveted position of Miss TSU, are available to all that meet the school-mandated qualifications and actually apply.

The individuals elected for the positions get the distinction of representing TSU for a full academic term, yet the road to becoming elected is

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SEC Edition

Student leaders' pay is only assistance

By Marshall A. Latimore
Campus News Writer

Faith Nunley never knew that Miss TSU received a stipend as part of her reign.

Nor did Nunley, the senior sociology major from Los Angeles, know that SGA president received a stipend as well.

So, the correlation between being elected to a top student government post and money can be easily associated.

"I knew that Miss TSU had a wardrobe and everything," Nunley said. "But I never knew she got an apartment on campus and a stipend on top of that. I guess it pays to be queen."

However, Dorothy Lockridge, interim vice president for Student Affairs, said the stipend is not meant to be viewed as a 'perk,' but instead to aid the living expenses of the student leaders who are advised not to work during the school year.

"Academics come first," Lockridge said, "Holding one of these positions is a job in itself, it is very time consuming. These student leaders act in very important capacities (at the university)."

And Ronald Myles, director of student activities, agreed.

Myles said not only do the SGA president and Miss TSU receive stipends, but also the SGA vice-president, editors of the *Tennessean* and the *Meter*.

Myles' comment was affirmed by article XIII (eight) of the SGA Constitution printed in the official TSU student handbook. It reads, "The President, Vice President, Miss (TSU), and editors of the *Meter* and the *Tennessean* (yearbook) shall receive a stipend for fall and spring semesters in which the office is held."

Lockridge said that the SGA

President receives \$1,000 per semester and a room on campus provided. Miss TSU receives her room along with \$750 per semester; the other positions receive the \$750 stipend as well.

However, the editors for the *Tennessean* and *The Meter* are not elected, according to Myles.

Pamela E. Foster, director of student publications and faculty member of the communications department, said the new editors each year are selected by a publication board that consists of several faculty members and student positions, including current editors along with junior and senior class presidents.

"I'm delighted that a publication board is charged with selecting editors based on merit rather than the student body electing them based on popularity," said Foster, one of the nine members on the board. "I have heard horror stories from my colleagues at schools that used to have students elect editors."

"The resulting publications lacked journalism industry ethics and standards, and that led to those schools switching to some form of the standard we and almost all other institutions now follow."

On the other hand, 2004-05 *Tennessean* editor Christopher Tate, a senior business management and marketing major from Memphis, said that receiving his stipend was not all it was cracked up to be.

"Because of the stress I faced as editor of the *Tennessean*," Tate said. "There were sufferings and sacrifices I had to make that went far beyond what the \$750 stipend per semester I received could cover."

Tate also said that instead of the stipend it was meant for, the moneys he and other student leaders received went on their student accounts instead which could have been a hassle if they had a balance already.

Although other members of the SGA House of Delegates such as class representatives and representatives-at-large, do not get paid a stipend like top positions receive. But there are other opportunities for these other elected officials to travel, represent the student body, and serve as ambassadors for the university.

Myles said students pay \$3 within their yearly SGA fee which goes towards an account that is divided into two categories – an operating and travel budget. He said that though the figures for the budgets change from year to year, according to the SGA administration in office, travel expenses and per diems are provided from these accounts.

Foster spoke of a similar situation regarding student publications.

She said *The Meter* has operated on a budget of nearly \$47,000 that comes from the student activities fee assessed each semester. This money is divided amongst \$34,000 used for printing the weekly and special editions of the paper, \$6,700 going toward supplies and minor technology, and the rest going toward student travel and stipends for other editors on staff.

Unlike the SGA, *The Meter* sees some income each year, having brought in close to \$5,000 in advertising revenue. The yearbook, which operates on a larger budget of \$65,000, has a budget that is accrued in a similar manner.

"If someone is considering holding one of these five elite positions on campus just for so called 'perks,' then you're asking for failure," said Eddie R. Cole, Jr., *The Meter's* 2005-06 and 2006-07 editor. "I work 17 weeks per semester for \$750. That breaks down to about \$44 a week and \$1.10 per hour for the 35 plus hours I work per week. It's kind of obvious student leaders aren't compensated financial, but by the love to see TSU grow."•

Events Calendar

Thursday

SEC Voting (AWC)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.

SEC Voting (FPCC)
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Friday

Relay for Life
Gentry Center
7 p.m.-7 a.m.

SEC election results
Relay for Life

Saturday

Blue and White Game
"The Hole"
2 p.m.

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SEC Edition

SEC works all year in preparation of one week

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Jones, had to plan the actual table set-up for the rally after he had an official number of candidates in each category," said French, a senior accounting major from Montgomery, Ala. "Although he originally planned for a larger number, due to lack of participation by the student body in running for office, we had extra tables delivered to the Gentry Center."

However, how much of last year's SEC week ballot snafu played in the lack of student participation?

French said the omission of a representative-at-large candidate's name on the ballot resulted in a ruling by Ronald Myles, director of student activities, that votes cast on April 7, 2005, were null and void, was human error alone. Therefore, she doesn't anticipate a smaller turnout due to last year's ballot mishap.

Nevertheless, some would argue otherwise.

"I think this year's SEC week is definitely not as exciting as past SEC weeks," said Tameka Wimberly, a senior mass communications major from Memphis. "Not as many people are running and there seems to be a lack of heart and leadership. In the past, SEC week has been more live. I feel that this year doesn't have as much participation because students don't care as much any-

more and feel that their votes don't count. People who have been here in the past and participated in SEC week are focusing their concentrations in other areas."

On the other hand, French said she doesn't feel as if the 2005 vote scramble will affect this year's voting.

"I don't think so, and I hope not," said the two-year member of SEC. "That was an honest mistake that had never occurred before. We have checked, re-checked, and checked again to ensure that the ballot is correct this year; so hopefully we will not have that issue."

She said the only difference "is that we didn't decorate the (Avon Williams Campus), and we aren't having any forums down there due to the construction."

But Tierra Fuller, a junior business administration major from Atlanta, understands the significance of voting.

"Voting is important because it gives each student a voice and a chance to pick who they want to represent them and TSU," she said.

And Ashlee Brooks said elements outside of SEC week also played a role in how the election turned out.

"Last year two sororities were both having intake as well as two fraternities, therefore SEC week last year kind of turned into a Greek war," said Brooks, a

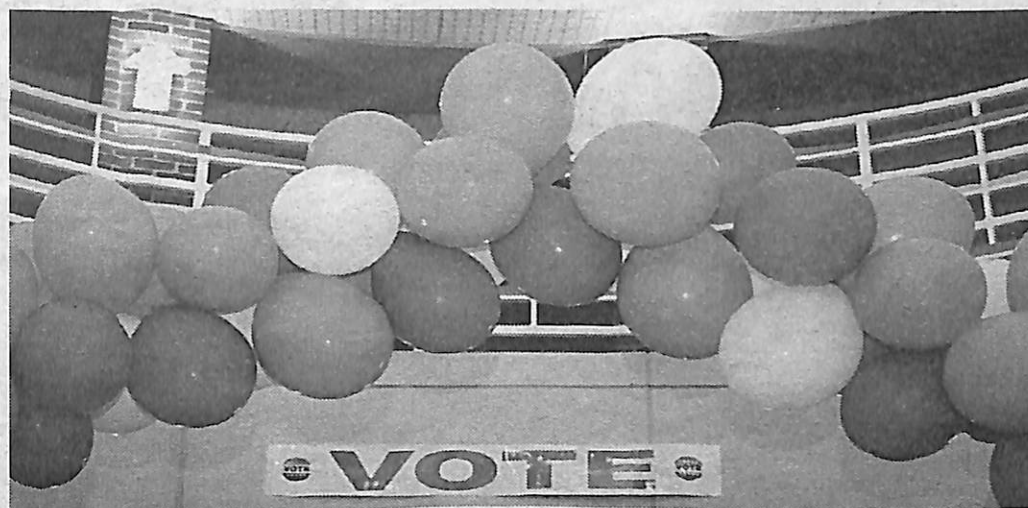


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SEC chairperson Tamara D. French said she wants more people to vote this year during student elections which are to be held April 6 - 7.

senior accounting major from Memphis. "SEC week is more versatile this year as a whole."

But regardless of last year's SEC week, some students still feel that SEC week has been great. Freshman Megan McKinney was one of them.

"It's crazy, overwhelming, there were 25 flyers under my door today," said McKinney, a dental hygiene major from Fort Wayne, Ind. "I didn't know people were so into it. Today at the rally there was food everywhere and it was great to see how much time and effort these students put into running for positions. I thought it was nice to see so many students wanting to bring a positive image to the university."

And that is exactly what French and SEC aims to do.

"Our goal is to have an effective week that runs smoothly, as smooth as possible," she said. "Our purpose is to oversee student elections, so they are carried out in a fair and just manner and that's what we are here to do."

The Vote of 2006

Thursday

Avon Williams

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday

Floyd-Payne Campus Center

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

2005-2006 SGA Administration Survey

41%

Indifferent

10%

Disapproved

49%

Approved

Forum/SEC Edition

What We Think

Endorsed candidates complement each other

'Buggs' may help 'raise the bar'

Editor's Note: Miss TSU candidate Dairanetta Spain chose not to be considered for endorsement due to her previous position as sports editor of *The Meter*.

After a series of 15-minute in-depth interviews with this year's top student election hopefuls, *The Meter* has decided to endorse Student Government Association presidential candidate Ayodeji Olojo, Miss TSU candidate Christiane Buggs and vice presidential candidate Matthew Evans.

However, in past years there have been disappointments with the overall quality of the candidates running. This year *The Meter* was met with an impressive pool of potential leaders for every position. The only disappointment we have, for the sake of competition, is that one qualified student runs unopposed for SGA vice president for the second year in a row.

The recommendation for SGA president was easier said than done. Both candidates, Olojo and Hodari P.T. Brown, have admirable plans for using the office of SGA president well if elected. The selection was made all the more difficult by the fact that each candidate's plan closely mirrors that of the other. Ultimately, however, Olojo not only expressed plans verbally, but made them concrete with written documentation provided to *The Meter*. The six-page organizational strategic plan detailed improving the school from almost every angle, including involvement and action both inside and outside the TSU community. Though Brown expressed similar sentiments, Olojo, with two years of SGA experience, took a more realistic approach to off-campus plans. Brown, on the other hand, responded in a more conversational manner than Olojo.

Also, Brown brought forth the idea of a checks and balances system to hold accountable members of SGA who don't fulfill their duties. However, Olojo went one step further and articulated a process of issuing warnings and then removal of

members who are not performing. Additionally, Olojo's plan details his realization that the SGA president cannot change the world alone. He points out key partnerships needed in addressing issues concerning the student body. Among these are President Melvin N. Johnson, the SGA vice president, *The Meter*, and the entire student body. Additionally, Olojo understands the inner workings of the SGA though his experience with the Student Union Board of Governors gives us confidence that he will be successful in his efforts to restructure the SGA.

The endorsement committee was impressed by several of the Miss TSU candidates' platforms, poise, and plans for using the crown. Several of the candidates demonstrated qualities that made the choice of selecting only one another difficult task.

When it came down to it, the decision to endorse Buggs was not a run-away. Shanna Worlds' take on maximizing the power of Miss TSU made her an exemplary candidate. Also, Chanda Ford and Tara Russell impressed us with their composure and Latasha Nicole Shepherd was one of the most honest candidates *The Meter* has ever seen. Additionally, both Sheena Buford and Crystal McKenney came across as genuine and down-to-earth candidates. Dairanetta Spain, although not being considered for endorsement, was interviewed and made clear her concerns for students' issues.

However, we were won over by Buggs' warm, open personality and her ability to give realistic plans to implement if awarded the crown of Miss TSU. She beamed with pride when speaking of her proud heritage as a third generation TSU student, and her love for the university was evident throughout her interview. She had an ideal mix of professionalism and sincerity in the interview and left the entire committee with a sense of connection to her. While several of the

candidates expressed the need for Miss TSU to be an ambassador and bridge to alumni and the greater TSU community, Buggs' enthusiasm and the connections she has already built as a student gave evidence of her ability to do great things if elected.

While we are disappointed in the apathy of the student body in there not being another willing candidate to run for vice president, we were pleasantly surprised to find that Matthew Evans shared our sentiment. Evans' candor and open plans let us know that he is an ideal candidate for the position and the recommendation committee unanimously decided to endorse him. His plan to make the SGA more accessible to the student body works well with both of the SGA presidential candidates' agendas and we

are confident that he has the attitude needed to effectively help institute a change in the overall mentality of the SGA. Thus, we are confident in Evans and his platform and wish him the best in the upcoming year.

In conclusion, the endorsements given by *The Meter* are not meant to be the only criteria in considering a candidate for which to vote. We hope that students attended as many of the debates, forums, and other events scheduled during this week in order to have a chance to get to know the candidates. Nevertheless, based off our interviews, we feel that Olojo, Buggs and Evans are the best candidates for the job. •



SEC Edition

Candidates light the campaign trail

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where students face a very realistic challenge—a financial one.

In an effort to get the attention and votes of their peers, students are encouraged to campaign and this action alone can prove immensely expensive.

According to the cost of listed prices in commercial clerical and duplication giant Kinko's, printing as few as 5 poster-sized flyers can cost more than \$100. But the challenge is not as hard for students running for positions besides SGA president and Miss TSU.

"I spent around \$200 total for my campaign," said Kevin Terrell, a junior engineering major and representative at large candidate from Memphis. "My total expense included flyers and food for the rally. I didn't have to spend as much as the presidential or Miss TSU candidates."

To help cut down on the personal expense of campaigning and participating in the election week festivities, some candidate sought sponsors to help foot the bill.

"I used more than \$4,200 campaigning this year," said Dairanetta Spain, a junior speech communication and theatre major and Miss TSU candidate from

Memphis. "In addition to all of the money spent, I was able to get a lot of food donated from various companies to help with campaigning."

Spain, who said that nearly half of her grand total was donated money, went on to add that the food and events are only used to attract students to the candidates that are more than just hype.

"I tend to vote for the student that I see the most and actually has something to say," said Michelle Hampton, a junior biology major from Cincinnati. "I also look at the way they present their campaign too. The free food is just a plus."

In order to lead, many students opt for different approaches to gaining the attention of their peers. One of the ways candidates choose to whet the political appetites of TSU students is to feed their actual appetites.

"[SEC] week is where you get to eat for the free," said Deidra Brown, a sophomore undecided major from Oklahoma City. "I enjoy the rally more than anything else."

Through out the course of the week there are gatherings in the forum, courtyard, dormitories and student center for students to get to know the candidates and to enjoy the activities the candidates have planned.

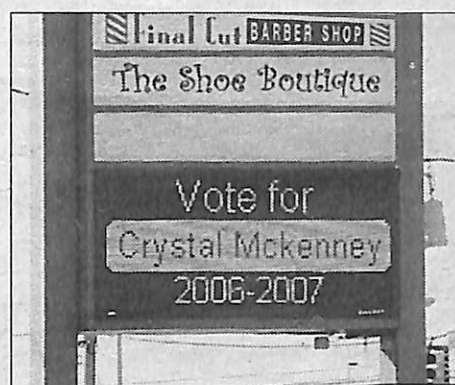


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Miss TSU candidate Crystal McKenney secured the digital billboard in front of College Crib for her campaign efforts.

"I remember one year a Miss TSU candidate held an ice cream social in the courtyard," said Gerry Davidson, a senior computer science major from Atlanta. "The same candidate served chicken in the [election] rally that week."

Candace Smith, a TSU graduate and former SGA candidate, said, "Getting votes is ultimately what you want during the campaigning period. I spent nearly \$700 on all of my campaign materials including food. Some people spent more."

For individuals seeking the position of Miss TSU, the expense can be even greater.

Women seeking the position can look forward to arranging and affording a week's work of clothing, setting up events that place her in the eyesight of the campus and preparing and organizing a pageant program that could be the deciding factor in whether or not she is elected.

"America's next top model finalist Robynne Manning brought a carnival here when she ran for Miss TSU and won," said Walter Smith, a junior business major from Huntsville, Ala. "My brother told me about, so I couldn't wait to get here."

Though spending money does not guarantee a victory in the minds of some, it seemingly helps in the pursuit of TSU political office.

But Spain said the students elected are the selected to be leaders as well as a liaison between the administration and the student body.

"After [SEC] week is over, the free food will be gone and hopefully good candidates will be in office," said Spain. "The real purpose of SEC week is not to feed you, it's to represent you."•

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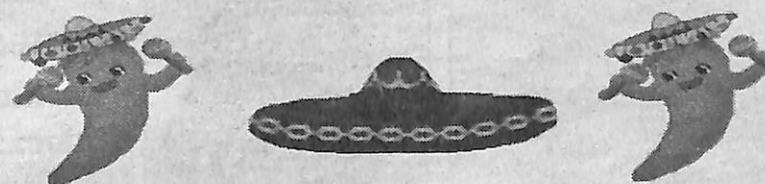
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Poag Auditorium

SEC Edition

Student Election 2006 Candidates

SGA Presidential Candidates



Name: Ayodeji Olojo

Classification: Junior

Major: Business Administration with a concentration in Supply Chain Management

Hometown: Detroit

Platform: Raising The Bar: A commitment to raising the level of expectation for TSU students through campus involvement and leadership development!

What candidate hopes to accomplish: Increase communication between students and administration, raise the level of expectation for students to foster a leadership paradigm that enhances overall culture of student body, and increase school brand through direct involvement in five key areas.



Name: Hodari Pili-Tourre Brown

Classification: Senior

Major: Political Science w/teacher certification in Government **Minor:** History & International Relations

Hometown: Detroit

Platform: *Abbreviated* - Restructure and reorganize SGA, Holding Administration Accountable for the motto "Students Matter Most," Community Policing, and establish a convenient shuttle system for drivers & students.

SGA Vice President Candidate



Name: Matthew L. Evans

Classification: Senior

Major: English **Minor:** Philosophy

Hometown: Atlanta

Platform: Striving to work the hardest for the students of Tennessee State University. Making sure that students

are ALWAYS, the number one priority of the SGA!

What candidate hopes to accomplish: I would like to see the SGA become more accessible to the students of TSU. The SGA must work on being an inclusive governmental entity as opposed to an exclusive one. Every student should know their elected leaders and officers must work harder to gain personable relationships with students.

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Miss Tennessee State University Candidates



Name: Chanda J. Ford

Classification: 1st year Senior

Major: Speech Communications, Theatre, Education (K-12)

Platform: Living the Sweet Life! I want to help TSU realize that we can do more, be more and have more. We need to stop settling for "good enough" and strive for the highest level of achievement individually and collectively.

What you hope to accomplish: I would love to start a series of lectures and discussions with our own distinguished alumni. We have speakers on a regular basis, but I think that hearing stories and advice from the people who roamed in Big Blue Country before us can have a profound effect on the current students



Name: Latasha Nicole Shepherd

Classification: Senior

Major: Political Science with a minor in philosophy

Hometown: Chattanooga

Platform: The Heat is on! Helping, Education, Athletics and Transition

What you hope to accomplish: In my position I plan to uphold the morals and spirit of Tennessee State University and institute all points in my platform. I want to enhance the reading program, enhance the athletic program, create an easier transition into the workforce, and increase the total volunteer hours for the University.



Name: Shaana M. Worlds

Classification: Junior

Major: English

Hometown: Moss Point, Miss

Platform: Setting new standards and expectations for Miss TSU by becoming an active political voice.

What you hope to accomplish: Exemplify that Miss TSU is a position of diverse powers through the implementation of ground-breaking programs, mentoring, and reaching out to our male counterparts in any ways necessary.



Name: Christiane Buggs

Classification: Junior

Major: Physics **Minor:** Astronomy

Hometown: Nashville

Platform: I plan to be a liaison between alumni and undergraduates to help build better alumni relations and bring more money, in the form of scholarships and intern opportunities, into our school.

What you hope to accomplish: As Miss TSU, an ambassador for our school, I plan to bridge the gap between present students and alumni. Better alumni relations means more money coming into our school.



Name: Sheena Buford

Classification: Junior

Major: Criminal Justice Minor Psychology

Hometown: Fort Lee, VA

Platform: "The Revival." Bringing the spirit back to TSU, helping it to flourish again.

What you hope to accomplish: Simply put: 1) Revival of the desire for academic achievement 2) Revival of faculty-student relations 3) Revival of school spirit.



Name: Crystal Mckenney

Classification: Senior

Major: Psychology

Hometown: West Memphis, Ark.

Platform: United We Stand, Divided We Fall Behind: Celebrating TSU Pride and Spirit

What you hope to accomplish: I plan to continue to rejuvenate the true Tiger pride and Big Blue spirit of Tennessee State University set forth by our student, faculty and staff.



Name: Dairanetta Sophia Spain

Classification: Junior

Major: Speech Communications and Theatre

Hometown: Memphis

Platform: "To stake a claim of excellence by recovering TSU's treasure."

What you hope to accomplish: I hope to maintain and acquire a brighter light for TSU. I am very passionate about this institution. If given the opportunity to serve as an ambassador, I am to use the adoration as a drive in every potential endeavor.



Name: Tara Russell

Classification: Junior

Major: Biology **Minor** in Chemistry

Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

Platform: To place a more positive light on TSU, while making it a more desirable institution, for currently enrolled students as well as those seeking higher education.

What you hope to accomplish: Encourage students to participate in the governing and planning of the school, address students' concerns and grievances, and increase school spirit and stimulate campus life.

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Name: Tarrence Harris
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Platform: Student Motivation 101: Putting TSU First
What I hope to accomplish: Addressing the concerns of the Student Body at TSU.

Rep at Large Day



Name: Finesstra D. Moore
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Mass Comm
Hometown: Nashville
Platform: "Why settle for less, when you can have MOORE"
What I hope to accomplish: *Abbreviated* Hope to rid the campus of student apathy by asking the student body to raise their standards and stop being complacent while taking an active role as a member of the TSU family.

Rep at Large Day



Name: Latia Thomas
Class: Sophomore
Major: Economics and Finance
Hometown: Inkster, Mich.
What I hope to accomplish: Aiding in providing a more effective means of communication while accommodating the needs of both students and administration.

Rep at Large Day



Name: McLisa Davis
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Brownsville, Tenn.
Platform: Anything is Possible!

Rep at Large Evening



Name: Brandon Hubbard
Classification: Junior
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Memphis
Platform: Democrat: TSU It's Ours...Let's Get It

Rep at Large Evening



Name: Regena Patterson
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Biology/Pre-Med with a minor in Music
Hometown: Memphis
Platform: Regena Patterson: REGENArating the T.S.U. Campus. One Idea At A Time!!
What I hope to accomplish: Enhance communication between the students and Administrators via SGA by getting the students more involved.

Rep at Large Evening



Name: Antione Searcy
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business Information system
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
Platform: Ohio Player's "Where we strive for excellence, and students matter most"
What I hope to accomplish: *Abbreviated* If picked for the position, immediately I will start to reach out more to the students whom feel that the relationship between them and the administration isn't on a professional level.

Rep at Large Evening



Name: Kevin Terrell
Classification: Junior
Major: Computer Engineering
Hometown: Memphis
Platform: To Help maintain and boost the student focus on TSU's motto Think, Work, and Serve.
What I hope to accomplish: I hope to represent the general student body as honest and truthful as I know how and do whatever I can to make sure the SGA makes decisions for the benefit of the general student body.

Rep at Large Evening

SEC Edition

Senior Class Queen Candidates



Name: Brittini Victoria Barnes
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Stone Mountain, Ga.
Platform: Building the Class with Class

What you hope to accomplish: to make Tennessee State University students and alumnae to not be known as the diamond in the rough but as cream of the crop. Financial and etiquette skills are well needed upon entering the real world.



Name: Candace L. Witt
Classification: Junior
Major: Business Management
Hometown: Nashville
Platform: "Uplifting and inspiring the class of 2007"

What you hope to accomplish: to encourage and provide exposure to my class of the many post-graduate opportunities that are available to them that they may not be aware of.



Name: Majornette L. Jefferson
Classification: Junior
Major: English with a minor in Political Science
Hometown: Memphis

Junior Class Candidates

President

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Name: LaShawn D. Brown
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Agricultural Sciences (AgriBusiness)
Hometown: Decatur, Ga.
Platform: I plan to unite the Junior Class (Class of 2008) through Unity activities, community service and campus involvement.

What do you hope to accomplish: I want every Junior at Tennessee State University to know they can count on their Junior class officers to lead them to a year of success by becoming one of the most involved organizations at TSU!!!

Junior Class Representative (Day)



Name: Mikesha C. Russell
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Nursing
Hometown: Chicago
Platform: The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. For TSU, I want to act as that ladder

Junior Class Representative (Evening)



Name: Christina Dobbs
Classification: Sophomore
Major: History Education
Hometown: Atlanta
Platform: Opening Lines of Communication

What do you hope to accomplish: I hope to connect the Student Government Association with it classes!! Often times, the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior class officers at Tennessee State University struggle with their duties and the responsibilities of their offices. I would like to create an open line of communication between the Student Government Association and its class officers. I would also like to establish a booklet of guidelines to aid the class officers in their efforts to unify and involve their respective classes.



Name: Jaismen Monquie Diaz
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business Administration/ Marketing
Hometown: Chicago
What do you hope to accomplish: My accomplish-

ments are to put the students' voices first, I want to help alleviate problems on campus such as parking, security, corrupted security officers, shuttles, and meal plan options to help make a more enriched environment for all TSU students.



Name: Michael Baylis
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business Administration (Management)
Hometown: Atlanta
Platform: My platform is

going to be the better assistance to the President as well as the Vice President, while also increasing the student body awareness of other representatives who also have a position in office. I want the Student Government Association to be more personable to towards the rest of the student body.

What you hope to accomplish: My main focus is to increase the student participation in Student Government sponsored activities i.e. weekly meetings, general assembly meetings, and various seminars.

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Junior Class Candidates continued

Junior Class Queen Candidates



Name: Summer S. Johnson

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Nursing Major

Hometown: Lexington, Tenn.

Platform: To ensure that all students are represented in a manner in which they are proud.

What you hope to accomplish: I hope to help change the ways in which Tennessee State University is perceived by the outside world by being a good example to my fellow classmates.



Name: Keshia S. Dalcour

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Chicago

What you hope to accomplish: I will represent this distinguished and historical institution with the utmost integrity and pride. I recognize that it is imperative to communicate with the student body the importance of our education and as a queen to serve as a role-model and leading example of distinction and grace. I just simply want to serve my fellow student body and perform any tasks through this position that will propel the Class of 2008 to higher heights.



Name: Amber Todd

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

Platform: My goal as Miss Junior is to unify our class. To create an atmosphere in where we become more involved through well planned activities both social and service oriented. My passion is to encourage a more spirited Junior Class and in turn, a more spirited T.S.U.

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Sophomore Class Candidates



Name: Lanique Ruffin aka Que
Classification: Freshman
Major: Psychology Major with a Minor in Business
Hometown: Stockton, Calif.
Platform: Uniting the Sophomore Class for Success
What you hope to accomplish: I hope to bring unity within the Freshman Class, motivating us to set high goals and attain them. I demand accountability from professors, administrators, and students of my own class, because I know that if we all work together we can achieve excellence. I will ensure security on campus, so that all of us will be able to walk the campus without a fear of bodily harm. By the end of my term I want to leave an influential mark on this campus, a mark that will undoubtedly prove to all of TSU that the Freshman Class is the hope of tomorrow and through us our world will be better.



Name: Denisecia Kirk
Classification: Freshman
Major: Biology Pre-Medicine
Hometown: Memphis
What you hope to accomplish: I want to take on the role of previous Miss Sophomores who have set an example for their class and for the university as a whole. I hope to represent Tennessee State University not as just being a student, but by helping my class in any way I can.



Name: Warren Burke
Classification: Freshman
Major: Accounting (minor: English)
Hometown: Chicago by way of Memphis
Platform: If voted to uphold this position, my platform would be to make sure several events would take place that the rising sophomore class would like to see (i.e.: community service acts, fundraising opportunities, etc.)
What you hope to accomplish: As a Sophomore Class Representative I plan to establish the sophomore class to voice itself. While the executive board cannot tackle every problem, it can discuss issues the sophomore class voice, formulate opinions on these issues, and present them to administrators and student governing bodies.

Sophomore Class Vice-President Candidate

Sophomore Class Miss Sophomore Candidate

Sophomore Class Representative (Day) Candidate

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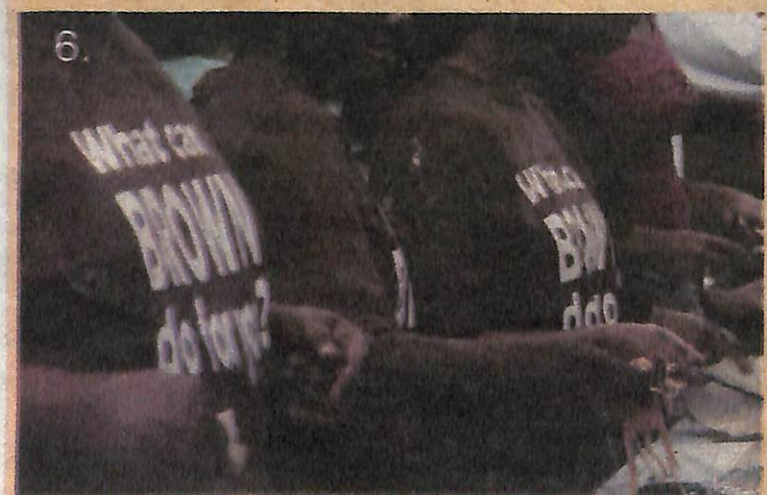
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SEC Week Photos



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1) SGA presidential and vice president candidates after the debate. 2) SEC rally. 3) Miss TSU Candidate Shaana Worlds greets students. 4) Latasha Shepherd campaigns at Hale Hall with space walk. 5) Candidates campaign on the fence of 33rd and John A. Merritt Blvd. 6) Hodari Brown supporters. 7) Students participate at the nomination convention.